

### Representation of Airports Workers

5291. **SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:**  
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from the airports workers in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA). (a) to (c). The representations from airport workers are received at airports as well as Headquarters of International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) and National Airports Authority (NAA) to redress their grievances. All these are dealt with promptly and the grievances redressed as far as possible according to the existing rules/instructions/orders of the government. Various categories of employees of NAA have raised a general demand for streamlining their career prospects, and rationalise the promotional avenues. A Committee has been set up by the NAA to carry out a cadre review of all the categories of employees.

### Inauguration of Doordarshan Kendra in Muzaffarpur, Bihar

5292. **SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:**  
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan Kendra in Muzaffarpur, Bihar have been awaiting inauguration; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Installation works pertaining to the establishment of a Programme Production Centre at Muzaffarpur in Bihar have been completed. The Centre can, however, be commissioned into service only after the requisite manpower for programme production, operation and maintenance of the Centre becomes available.

### Functioning of Vayudoot

5293. **SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:**  
**SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:**  
**SHRIMATI SHEELAGAUTAM:**  
**SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:**  
**SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:**  
**SHRI BARE LAL JATAV:**  
**SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):**  
**SHRI PHOOLCHAND VERMA:**  
**SHRI ANBARASU ERA:**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to ensure adherence to the time-schedule and improvement in the work culture of Vayudoot;

(b) whether the Chairman, Vayudoot has visited all the airports of the country;

(c) the steps being taken to minimise the overhead expenses;

(d) whether the Vayudoot is overstaffed;

(e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to economise in its functioning;

(f) the details of losses incurred by the Vayudoot during each of the last three years

and the reasons therefor; and

(g) the remedial measures proposed to be taken to make up the losses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The steps taken to ensure adherence of time schedule and work culture of Vayudoot.

- 1) Constant monitoring of on time performance.
- 2) Rationalisation of routes.
- 3) To increase reliability of aircrafts.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The steps taken to minimise the overheads are:

- (i) Reduction in expenditure without making compromise with the standards of safety and efficiency;
- (ii) Better inventory planning

(iii) Redeployment of surplus manpower in other organisations.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The steps taken/proposed to be taken to economise in its functioning are.

(i) The fares on some of the sectors have been increased to recover the costs;

(ii) Strict economy measures have been taken to keep the expenditure to the unavoidable minimum;

(iii) Rationalisation of routes;

(f) The losses incurred by Vayudoot during the last three years were as follows:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Losses in lakhs of Rupees</i>
1988-89	(2883 29)*
1989-90	(3582 23)*
1990-91	(3707 89)*

\*Provisional and unaudited

The major reasons for the losses are: Short-haul nature of the operations, obsolete and uneconomic fleet, unremunerative fare structure etc.

(g) With the present fleet of aircraft and the short-haul nature of operation there is hardly any scope for recovering the losses already incurred by Vayudoot.

#### **Power Projects of Bihar**

5294. **SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:**  
**SHRI BHUBANESHWAR**  
**PRASAD MEHTA:**

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: